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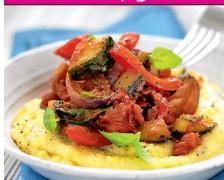
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With the United Nations' Framework Convention on Climate Change beginning Monday in Copenhagen, Metro is examining some of the issues and concerns world leaders will be discussing at the event. Metro is also marking the convention by going green itself.

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Motorcourt owner Carol Reczak has been serving Monster Burgers, two pounds of pure beef on an Italian loaf, for 26 years. The city landmark is facing a 200 per cent rent increase and may be forced to close as a result.

# Hitting the road?

Rent hike may force beloved diner-on-wheels to close

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**She has been serving  
Monster Burgers for 26  
years, and without a mirac-  
le solution to a monster  
rent hike, Carol Reczak  
will be forced to rev up the  
Motorcourt's engine and  
move on.**

The massive mobile eatery occupies four northeast city lots, sitting inconspicuously amid commercial businesses, serving a legion of faithful regulars who swear by its home-made soul food.

In early November, city officials handed the recently widowed restaurateur with notice her monthly rent would rise from \$1,000 to \$3,000 on Jan. 1.

"It's nuts, it's not fair," she said Thursday. "If they're losing money, I understand, but the severity of the raise, I don't understand. I'm only human."

Though she's in negotiation with city Planning and Development, Reczak says she'll likely face an unplanned early retirement if it isn't amended.

"I've been losing a lot of sleep over it," she said, pre-

**"It's nuts, it's not  
fair."**

Carol Reczak

dicting the business will likely close within six months without help.

Reczak's late husband, Wayne Bond, welded the original double-decker structure around a Cadillac El Dorado engine in 1983. The couple planned to drive to California, selling two-pound Monster Burgers and fries on the way.

"We had no intent on sitting still, but life got in the way."

It found a permanent home at 12410 - 66 St. in 1994, where it continues to feed an ever-growing following. Since Bond's death in 2008, in-progress renovations have halted and Reczak has struggled to run the business alone.

Though she's optimistic and says she'll attempt to purchase the land, she's realized the end may be near, and out of her control.

"We've stood the test of time, and maybe it's because we have wheels that we've survived," she said. "It may be time, but I don't feel it should be."

Police ready  
for rioting at  
Copenhagen  
climate talks

## Go Green

**CONFERENCE** In Denmark's biggest security operation since the Second World War, police are mobilizing thousands of officers and — for the first time — a water cannon for next week's UN climate summit.

Copenhagen police demonstrated the German-made 22-ton vehicle to media Thursday, showcasing it mainly as a beefed-up fire truck that could spray water on burning cars or trash bins if protests get out of hand.

But police spokesman Michael Engell said it was possible to add tear gas to the 1.5-million-gallon water tank, implying the cannon could also be aimed at rioting protesters.

Police said they have never before used such a vehicle.

At least 100 world leaders will converge on the normally tranquil city in the next two weeks to try to forge a new pact against global warming.

Roughly 15,000 delegates have signed up for the conference — and many more protesters are expected to march through the streets.

"We do not want to be at war with anyone," Copenhagen police operations chief Per Larsen said. "But we will act accordingly if something unacceptable happens."

Anarchist and anti-capitalist groups have suggested they will seek confrontations.

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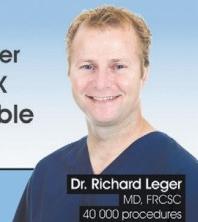
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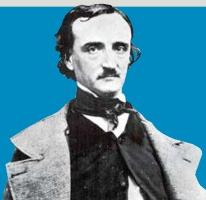
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**A play about Poe**

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Admirers check out the ice sculpture display at the Alberta legislature on Thursday.

## Lighting the leg

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**Silence fell upon the stairs of the legislature**  
**Thursday as young and old stood still to watch**  
**Premier Ed Stelmach light up the legislature.**

The premier, with the help of his grandson Ethan Stelmach, flicked the switch as the chorus rang. The immaculate display of 125,000 bulbs on 300 trees was complimented by mesmerizing sound of the University of Alberta's Mixed Chorus. All ages gathered

with family and friends to enjoy the complimentary hot chocolate and cookies and get in the spirit.

Natalia Shade, a first-time attendee, brought her daughter out in hopes of creating a family tradition. She noted the city's growing sense of spirit, not just during the holiday season, but all through the year.

"I think it's been growing definitely, I find that it has been growing way more in the past few years, with any festivities we have going on, there is just a lot more exposure than there was years ago," says Shade.

Organizers encourage people to take advantage of the festivities at the legislature and the Edmonton Pedway from now until Dec. 23. Among other events, choral performances and free hot chocolate have been scheduled throughout the month.

Diana Panizzon, an event organizer, spoke highly of the event as a way to help citizens enjoy the holidays.

"Well, I think it just promotes good cheer with the people and brings a lot of people together, makes everyone feel nice and warm," says Panizzon.

**News in brief**

**CHARGED** Following an investigation and the review of video footage from an ETS bus Thursday morning, 24-year-old Gary Edwin Mattson has been charged with attempted murder, aggravated

assault, and assaulting a peace officer after allegedly spitting on the officer following an altercation with an ETS worker.

**KETAMINE** A second man has been charged in connection

with the largest Ketamine bust in provincial history. Viet Quoc Chung, 27, was charged following a 19-kilogram bust in the city's northwest end on Nov. 30.

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## Suspect sought after convenience store theft

**INVESTIGATION** Police are searching for a suspect following the armed robbery of a Red Deer convenience store.

On Nov. 27 at approximately 9:55 p.m., an unknown male with a knife held up the Kentwood-area convenience store.

The clerk complied with his orders and the man left

the store with an undisclosed amount of cash and lottery tickets despite one customer's attempt to stop him. **Suspect sketch**  
The customer was threatened but

no one was injured.

The man stood at five feet 10 inches with a lean build, dark hair and an unshaved face. He was last seen wearing a blue and grey hooded jacket.

Anyone with information about this crime is asked to contact Crime Stoppers.

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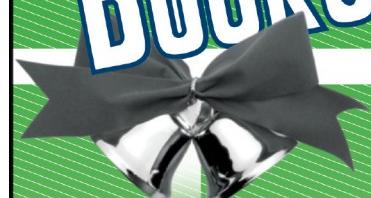
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# Substance over style

Annual craft sale an alternative to big box stores

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**Despite concerns, it's business as usual for the 19th annual Butterdome Craft Sale.**

This year, over 240 exhibitors from across Canada are presenting products that are made with attention to detail, creativity and design. The Edmonton stop on the circuit of craft sales that runs throughout Alberta attracts over 25,000 visitors to the Butterdome each year. It will run until Sunday.

Presenters worried that the economic downturn would affect the annual event, but producer Peter Harbic feels that they are almost recession-proof.

"There is actually a tendency for people to buy more Canadian, more handmade, more gifts with stories," explained Harbic. "Maybe you stop going to the big box stores and buying those big tech products — you know, TVs and such. But here you meet the ex-



Scott Buxton plays one of his bamboo flutes at the craft fair at the University of Alberta Butterdome on Thursday.

hibitor that's made the product, it's got a story, (and) you're giving your loved ones something that's got a history."

Exhibitor Jim Nodge was also pleased with attendance despite his initial concerns. Nodge exemplifies the return to handmade products and a growing trend toward ecologically friendly gifts with his sculpture art made from recycled materials.

"I am the scrap metal

guy. I make little creatures out of all sorts of household and shop bits of metal," said Nodge.

Flute-maker Scott Buxton, who has been working the Butterdome Craft Sale for at least seven years, said the Edmonton response has been great.

"It's been a really good response year after year. I've got a lot of local people that come back to get an extra flute to add to their collection."

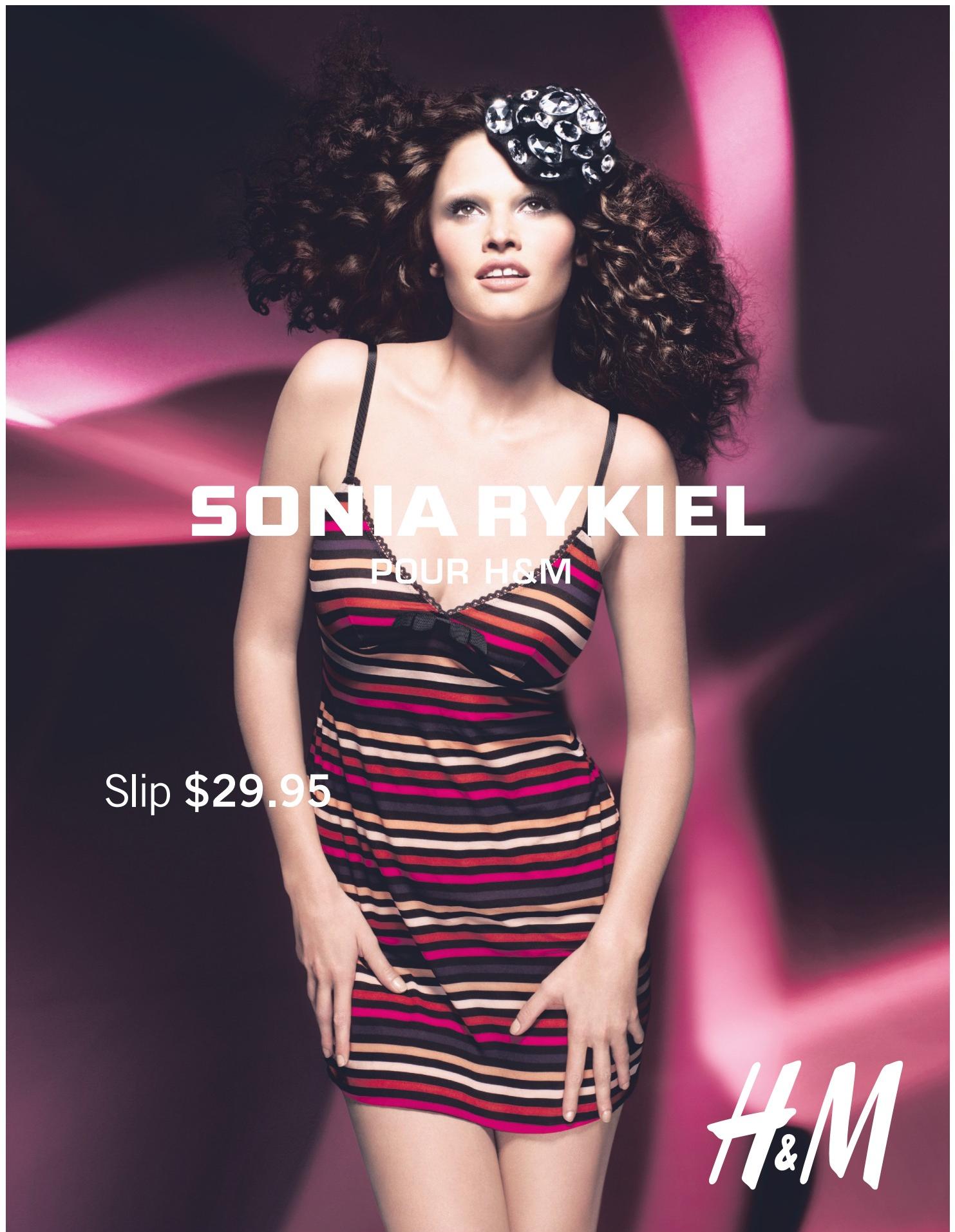
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# Middleweight Jason MacDonald hopes to turn tide

**Jason (The Athlete)**  
**MacDonald isn't much for looking back. Which is probably wise when you have lost four of your last five fights.**

But the 34-year-old middleweight from Red Deer, Alta., firmly believes he is a better mixed martial arts fighter than his recent record suggests. And he

plans to prove it Friday night against (King) Solomon Hutcherson at MFC 23 in Enoch, Alta.

"I personally feel like you never do yourself any good if you dwell on the negative stuff," MacDonald said. "If I dwell on those lost fights and can't get past that, then it's impossible to move forward."

**"I personally feel like you never do yourself any good if you dwell on the negative stuff."**

Jason (The Athlete) MacDonald of Red Deer

MacDonald may also be partly to blame. For a while, he seemed determined to live or die by his standup skills, which are

not his forte. In some fights, he also showed an inclination to ignore the game plan when the cage door shut.

He did stick to his strategy in his last UFC outing at UFC 97 in Montreal in April. He took Nate Quarry to the fence and tried to take him down. But in so doing, he ended up on the bottom and Quarry busted his face open with elbows.

Prior to that, he stood toe to toe with Wilson Gouveia and paid for it at the Season

8 finale of The Ultimate Fighter last December. Gouveia caught an advancing MacDonald with a left flush to the chin and the Canadian crumpled at the fence, absorbing a string of hammer-fists and some 18 elbow strikes that carved open his forehead before tapping out to stop the punishment after two minutes 18 seconds.

Hutcherson (11-5) may be just what the doctor ordered. MacDonald (21-13) says Hutcherson's camp turned down the fight when it was first offered, suggesting the American changed his mind because he thought the time was right to face MacDonald.

"If that's the case for this fight, then he's sadly mistaken," MacDonald said. "I've dropped a few to tough competition but I'm still very much in the game and very much focused."

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# Canada

## What took so long? China leader asks PM

Harper chided for dragging feet on visit

In a surprisingly undiplomatic rebuke, Prime Minister Stephen Harper was publicly chided at a traditional Chinese welcoming ceremony Thursday for taking too long to visit the country.

The subtle but pointed rebuke came as the prime minister and his Chinese counterpart, Wen Jiabao, sat at a large oval table for talks following a military welcome at the cavernous Great Hall of the People.

With television cameras rolling, Wen noted that he and Harper had yet to meet and that no Canadian prime minister had visited China in five years.

He also reminded the prime minister that Chinese media was full of stories about the lack of attention paid to China by his government since being elected in 2006.

"Five years is too long a time ... and that's why there were comments in the media that your visit should have taken place earlier," Wen said.

An hour earlier, President Hu Jintao twice emphasized that this was Harper's first visit at their private meeting. However, the prime minister did not



Prime Minister Stephen Harper takes part in a toast with Wen Jiabao, premier of the People's Republic of China, following a signing ceremony at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China on Thursday.

let the comments slip by without a response. He pointed out that it had also been five years since the Chinese leadership had stepped foot in Canada.

Responding to a reporter's question, Harper said he hasn't changed his views, but that "more regular visits would seem to make sense."

The gentle prods seemed to confirm official media assertions, always an indication of the gov-

ernment's thinking, that the relationship had turned icy since Harper's election in 2006.

But while the Chinese government has given every indication of having taken offence over what it perceived as the Harper government's neglect, as well as attacks on China's human rights record, Hu and Wen made clear they are prepared to rebuild the relationship.

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## Docs examine climate change impact on natives

**NORTH** Elders pull the seal skins taut over the wooden frame, binding the pelts together as they construct a traditional kayak on the shoreline of one of Canada's most northern communities.

The group in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, sing and eat as they talk about changes they've witnessed over the last several decades that have warmed their distant region and altered their native food sources.

The conversation is the focus of one of two Canadian documentaries being presented this week in Copenhagen along with other videos showcasing the effects of climate change on indigenous pop-

### News in brief

**CLIMATE** The uncertainty of U.S. climate-change legislation could force Canada to essentially revert to a discarded plan to fight global warming that the Conservative government first presented almost three years ago, Environment Minister Jim Prentice says. Critics say it is yet another Tory tactic to stall long-promised regulations to limit greenhouse gas emissions on the eve of the global climate change summit in Copenhagen.

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# Government to dole out \$5B for housing

Feds, provinces meeting to discuss solutions

**Federal and provincial housing ministers beginning two days of meetings Thursday in Ottawa are in the extraordinary position of having so much money they don't know what to do with it.**

The federal government is in the midst of handing out an unprecedented \$5-billion pot of federal money for social housing needs and construction. Some provinces, especially Ontario, are also earmarking substantial sums towards housing.

For the first time in four years, the federal minister in charge of housing will meet face to face with her provincial counterparts on Friday, in the hopes of hashing out the most effective way to spend it all.

## Canada gets tourism boost

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**CHINA** In a move that is expected to generate millions of tourism dollars, China granted "approved destination status" to Canada on Thursday.

Paul Vallee, executive vice president of Tourism Vancouver, said the timing works well with the 2010 Olympics just around the corner.

"We've been waiting a few years for this announcement and now that it's here, it's going to be a nice shot in the arm," Vallee said. "It essentially puts us on level playing field with other destinations that already have this status in place."

He estimates that by 2015, Vancouver could see as many as 300,000 tourists from China.

The change was announced in Beijing on the second day of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's first official visit to that country. It allows Chinese travel agents to market Canada as a vacation spot.

### Growing need

- The number of struggling families who spend more than 30 per cent of their income on housing has been on the rise over the past decade, despite the economic boom that preceded the recession.

There were about 1.5 million such households at last official count. The recession has probably increased those numbers by up to 300,000, said housing economist Will Dunning.

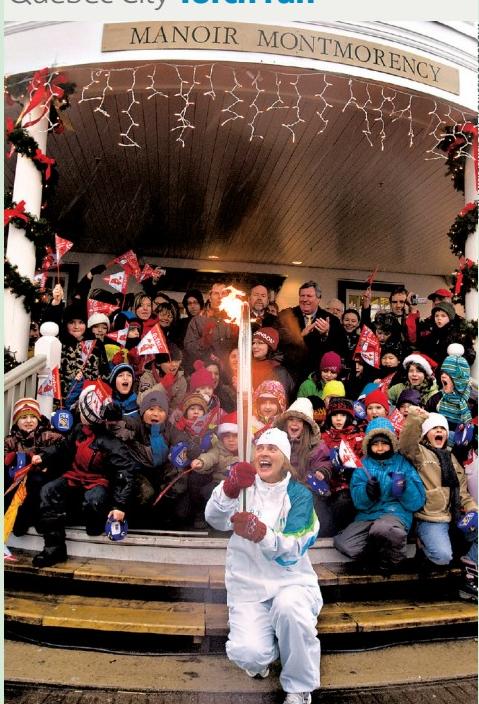
Human Resources Minister Diane Finley said she is going into the meeting asking a pair of fundamental questions: "Are we doing the right thing with it, and are we doing it the right way?" Finley said in an interview.

"There has been no progress in reducing the amount of (social) housing needed in Canada in the past decade," said housing

economist Will Dunning. "It has to do with lack of options for affordable housing."

Much of the social housing stock is in bad need of repair and supply is not keeping up with demand. Provinces are at odds with each other over how federal monies should be structured, she said, and not every province has a long-term plan. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Quebec City Torch run



Odette Tremblay celebrates with students and officials as she carries the Vancouver 2010 Olympic torch to the Manoir Montmorency on Thursday in Quebec City.

## Aglukkaq blasts Liberal senators

**RECALLS** Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq says Liberal senators have put the interests of industry ahead of health and safety with changes to a proposed consumer recall bill.

She was responding to a

series of Senate amendments to Bill C-6 that would deny government inspectors the power to unilaterally order a recall of consumer items such as toys, baby cribs and food products without first consulting the manufacturer or distributor.

The amendments would also force inspectors to get a search warrant in some circumstances before doing a spot inspection of a business. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Our famine tragedy

As the far north starved, a top photographer captured it all

Sometime in February 1950, a Canadian photographer pulled a camera out of his parka, focused as best he could in the flickering lamplight inside an igloo, and pressed the shutter.

The resulting image — an Inuit mother, haggard from hunger, pressing her nose and lips to those of her youngest child — has since become iconic.

But the story behind Richard Harrington's memorable print, and the many others he made around the same time, is less well known.

And that's what show at the Winnipeg Art Gallery hopes to remedy.

"It's certainly long overdue," said Darlene Wight, a curator behind the exhibit, which runs until March.

Harrington made six trips to the Arctic between

**The show is "certainly long overdue."**

Darlene Wight

1948 and 1953.

He often lived with the Inuit, who depended on the availability of caribou.

Harrington's 1950 trip came in a year the caribou didn't. The result was famine.

As southern Canadians welcomed a prosperous decade of suburbs and big-finned cars, many of their northern fellow citizens were starving to death.

Although Harrington's work is sold and exhibited at Toronto's Stephen Bulger Gallery, the Winnipeg show is his first at a public art institution in Canada in more than two decades.

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Photographer Richard Harrington's Padlei, NWT, 1950.



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## Karzai willing to talk peace with Taliban

Afghan President Hamid Karzai said Thursday he's willing to talk with the Taliban if the U.S. and its partners back the move. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# World

## Adapt or die: Experts

**With the world losing the battle against global warming so far, experts are warning that humans need to follow nature's example: Adapt or die.**

That means elevating buildings, making taller and stronger dams and sea-walls, rerouting water systems, restricting certain developments, changing farming practices and ultimately moving people, plants and animals out of harm's way.

Adapting to rising seas and higher temperatures is expected to be a big topic at the UN climate-change talks in Copenhagen next week, along with the pro-



jected cost — hundreds of billions of dollars, much of it going to countries that cannot afford it.

Until recent years, experts avoided talking about adjusting to global warming for fear of sounding fatalistic or causing countries to back off efforts to reduce emissions.

Some biologists point to how nature has handled the changing climate. The rare Adonis blue butterfly of Britain was headed toward extinction because global warming was mak-

ing its habitat unbearable. Instead, it evolved longer thoraxes and wings, allowing it to fly farther to cooler locales.

"It's something that's been neglected, hasn't been talked about and it's something the world will have to do," said Rajendra Pachauri, chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

But adaptation will be difficult because the rate of change is escalating, and humans will have to work harder to keep up, said U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration chief Jane Lubchenco.

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## India Salvaging what's left



## University to probe reports of altered climate stats

**NORWICH** A British university said Thursday it would investigate whether scientists at its prestigious Climatic Research Unit fudged data on global warming.

Thousands of pieces of correspondence between some of the world's leading climate scientists were stolen from the unit at the University of East Anglia and leaked to the Internet late last month.

Skeptics say the emails are proof that scientists have been conspiring to hide evidence showing that global warming was not as strong as generally believed.

Phil Jones, the director of the unit, stepped down Tuesday pending the result of the investigation.

Thursday's announcement was the first acknowledgment by the university that the research itself would be under scrutiny.

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**GREENHOUSE** Britain's climate change secretary urged countries Thursday to be wary of "climate saboteurs" seeking to wreck a global agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Ed Miliband, who will attend the international cli-

mate change talks that begin Monday in Copenhagen, said those challenging the mainstream scientific view on climate change are irresponsible and dangerous.

"I do think that we have to beware of the climate saboteurs, the people who

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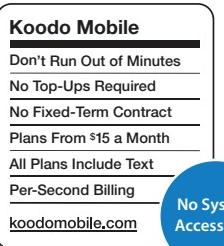
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Car drags woman to her death

One woman ran over another after an apparent drug dispute and dragged her through Skid Row in Los Angeles early Thursday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Irish nuns offer further \$204M over child abuse

Sisters of Mercy pledge largest sum of any of 18 guilty orders

A major Irish order of Roman Catholic nuns, the Sisters of Mercy, offered Thursday to pay child abuse victims, the government and charities a further \$204 million to compensate for decades of abuse in its schools and orphanages.

The compensation offer to the Irish Education Department is by far the largest from 18 orders of Catholic priests, brothers and nuns found guilty of chronic child abuse. They ran scores of residential schools, workhouses and orphanages for generations of Ireland's most deprived children from the mid-19th century to the 1990s.

The Sisters of Mercy said in a statement it "wholeheartedly regrets the suffering experienced by the children in their care" and hoped this latest offer would show that

**14,000** Abuse claimants worldwide want compensation payments for their experiences as child residents of Catholic schools and orphanages in Ireland.

its nuns were being "faithful to the values of reparation, reconciliation, healing and responsibility."

A nine-year state investigation in May ruled that all the orders permitted and covered up endemic rape, molestation, beatings and mental cruelty in their children's institutions.

The government responded by demanding the orders pay much more to help cover compensation payments to more than 14,000 abuse claimants worldwide.

The government confirmed receipt of the Sisters of Mercy offer but declined further comment.

Several other Catholic orders have already made smaller offers to the government and victims' support groups following the

May report.

Its findings of epic levels of cruelty and neglect fanned public fury against the Catholic orders, which in 2001 cut a controversial deal with the government that capped the church's total contribution to the future compensation bill at \$203 million — virtually the same as the contribution now offered by the Sisters of Mercy alone.

The Sisters of Mercy said its new offer would involve \$32 million in cash to a new fund for supporting abuse victims and their families, and donations of properties valued at \$171 million.

Most of the properties would be transferred to government ownership, while property worth \$18 million would go to the victims support fund and \$24 million more in property would go to victims counselling groups.

The nuns noted that, under the terms of the 2001 agreement, they had already handed over \$52 million in cash and property.

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## Veils fan Egypt's fear of hard-line Islam

**CONTROVERSY** When Egypt's government banned Islamic veils and all-encompassing robes in the dorms of public universities, it cited reports of men wearing the garb to sneak into the women's quarters.

But there was a deeper reason behind the move: an intensifying struggle between the moderate Islam championed by the state and a populace that is turning to a stricter version of the faith, whose most visible hallmark is the niqab — the dress that covers the entire female form.

The debate has grown more heated since Mohammad Tantawi, the top cleric at prestigious Al-Azhar University, banned the niqab in classrooms and



This October photo shows an Egyptian woman wearing a niqab, which covers everything but the eyes, in Cairo.

dorms on the grounds that it "has nothing to do with Islam," and that it was unnecessary since the college is gender-segregated.

Meanwhile, the Health Ministry and religious authorities forbade nurses

and preachers to wear the niqab. The moves have angered many women who say they cover up voluntarily out of religious conviction, and in some cases are penalized for it.

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## Cat cams show what cats do when home alone

**LEISURE PURSUITS** What do cats do when their owners are away? There was one way to find out — "cat cams."

Fifty house cats were given collar cameras that took a photo every 15 minutes. The results put a dent in some human theories about catnapping.

Based on the photos, about 22 per cent of the

**"What surprised me was how active the cats were."**

Jill Villarreal

cats' time was spent looking out of windows, 12 per cent was used to interact with other family pets and eight per cent was spent climbing on chairs or kitty

condos. Just six per cent of their hours were spent sleeping.

"What surprised me was how active the cats were. I believed my three cats were sleeping during the day," said Jill Villarreal, an animal behaviour scientist who collected the data for Nestle Purina PetCare's Friskies cat food.

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## Moscow, Vatican promise to improve ties

Pope Benedict XVI and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev reportedly agreed to upgrade diplomatic relations during a meeting at the Vatican. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Somali pirates seized in raid by Dutch navy

Outlaws identified from photos taken by ship's crew

The Dutch navy captured 13 Somali pirates and seized a weapons haul off the coast of Oman after the pirates attacked a merchant ship, Dutch authorities reported Thursday.

Armed pirates on speed-boats tried to board the Antigua and Barbuda-flagged BBC Togo, but were repelled after firing on the vessel.

Defence ministry spokesman Robin Middel said "it didn't go easily for the pirates" because the BBC Togo had taken precautions such as barring stairwells with barbed wire.

The pirates then fled to a larger fishing boat, 280 kilometres south of the western town of Salalah, where a Dutch frigate cap-

### Prosecution

- The EU has agreements with Kenya and the Seychelles to turn over captured pirates to them, and the pirates could face prosecution in one of those countries.

tured them Wednesday evening, Middel said.

"A large amount of weapons were discovered on board, among which were AK-47s, rocket-propelled grenades, ammunition, boarding hooks and ladders," the ministry said.

The pirates were arrested and are being held on the HMS Everts, Middel added. They are believed to be Somalis.

The Dutch frigate is lead-

ing a European Union naval force to protect food shipments to Somalia and combat piracy.

Middel said officials had identified the men captured on the fishing boat as those who had attacked the BBC Togo using photographs taken by the merchant ship's crew.

Those photos could also make it possible to prosecute the pirates.

"Most of the time it's difficult to identify pirates, but this time you have pictures and eyewitnesses," he said.

Two Tanzanian fishermen said the pirates had held them hostage for months and used their boat as a floating operations base, the statement said.

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## Exchange student's murder trial draws to a close in Italy

JURY American exchange student Amanda Knox has made her final statement to the Italian court trying her for the murder of her British roommate. She said she fears having the "mask of an assassin" placed on her.

Knox addressed the court Thursday before the eight members of the jury go into deliberations.

Speaking Italian, her voice breaking as she fought back tears, Knox said she is trying to remain calm even though she is "disappointed, sad and frustrated" over the two years she has

spent in jail.

Knox and her former boyfriend, Italian co-defendant Raffaele Sollecito, have been jailed since just after the 2007 slaying of British student Meredith Kercher. Both deny wrongdoing in the incident, which has been closely followed in European media.

Kercher was found dead, her throat slit, in the apartment she shared with Knox in the central Italian town of Perugia. The defendants are alleged to have slain Kercher as part of a drug-fuelled sexual assault.

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U.S. Air Force pilot once held in 'Hanoi Hilton' dies at 82

VETERAN Retired U.S. Air Force Col. Jack Pitchford, a fighter pilot who survived seven years in the notorious prison camp known as the "Hanoi Hilton," has died at 82 of a brain tumour. Pitchford was shot down over North Vietnam in 1965 and taken to Hoa Lo prison, where many prisoners, including U.S. Sen. John McCain, were held and tortured. Pitchford was liberated in 1973. The pilot never fully recovered from his injuries, but never regretted his service, his brother said.

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# Comment & Views

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## Let there be more light

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**W**hat do the Ginza in Tokyo, Piccadilly Circus in London, the Champs Élysées in Paris and Jasper Avenue have in common? Answer — nothing. However, the first three places have something in common with each other — light.

One thing that makes all those places seem so vibrant and alive is all the colours and motion provided by both neon and incandescent light. Even on the darkest of days, those places seem warm and welcoming because of the lights. There is a lesson in that for Edmonton.

In case you haven't noticed, Edmonton's Christmas lights are back up. (Or seasonal lights for the politi-



Christmas illuminations are lit along the Champs Élysées last month in Paris. Terence Harding proposes Edmonton add more light and colours to make the city more vibrant and alive.

ically correct.) Unfortunately, they have all the charm and appeal of something that was fished out of someone's garage. Surely we can do better.

Now that the light jail is gone from Hawrelak Park, we should be thinking about what we should do to replace it. The answer lies with Candy Cane Lane. Thanks to the largesse of the people who live there, thousands of Edmontonians can come to see the light

displays. Doing so just makes the winter seem less cold and forbidding.

Though many people choose to drive down Candy Cane Lane, many others get out of their cars and look at the displays from the sidewalk. There's something about walking with people of all ages and listening to the "oohs" and "ahs" of children and adults alike that seems to capture the Christmas spirit.

We could duplicate that

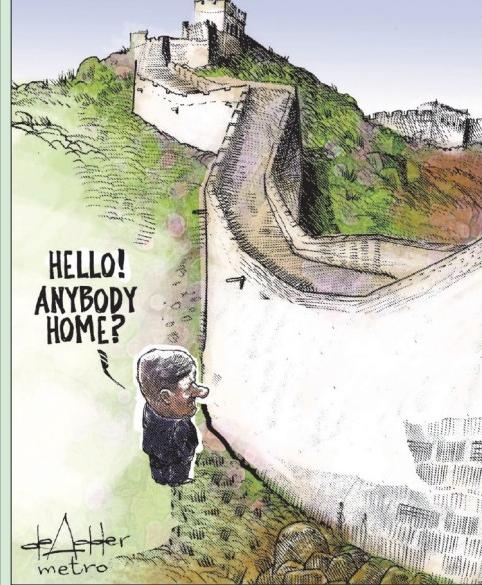
effect downtown. The light display in Winston Churchill Square is a step in the right direction, but it should be expanded to the streets in the central downtown. We are a creative city, and I have no doubt whatever there are artists out there who could design light displays that would rival those of any place else in the world.

The eco-puritans will decry using electricity for the pleasure of others, so I suggest we investigate what can be done with fibre optic cable. It uses very little electricity. It can be made to change colour. There is no power in the cable so you can run it just about anywhere.

Just imagine how great downtown Edmonton would look all lit up. It just might make you want to walk around and take it all in. It would also make it clear to visitors that, despite the weather, interesting, creative people live here.

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## HARPER VISITS CHINA:



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## Views

## Why Copenhagen summit is a big deal



Martin Atkin

WWF International

You're going to be hearing and reading a lot about Copenhagen in the next couple weeks. Every day you open your newspaper or switch on the television news it's going to be up there in the main headlines. So why is Copenhagen such a big deal?

It's a big deal because it affects all of us. Climate change isn't just something that happens to other people. Those melting glaciers and raging forest fires may seem a long way from where you're sitting reading this on a bus or

train on the way to work, but they're happening on somebody's doorstep. Maybe you're

lucky enough **"But there's one not to be directly affected species that stands — yet. But to lose more than you will be. most if climate**

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the creatures around the world already suffering because of global warming. Some of them may be familiar — polar bears struggling on the melting Arctic sea ice, or delicate coral reefs killed off by warmer oceans. But there's one species that stands to lose more than

most if climate change isn't brought under control — humans.

We're already seeing the terrible consequences of runaway global warming. Many thousands of climate refugees forced to flee their low-lying coastal homes from India to the Pacific islands. Bush fires causing millions of dollars of damage every year from Australia to California. Hurricanes of increasing severity and frequency battering cities from New Orleans to Taiwan.

Climate change could wreck the global economy. It destabilizes food, water and energy supplies, and makes it more difficult for us to pull out of recession.

That's a direct threat to our jobs, homes and security. And all the time the cost of doing nothing is going up — a cost that has to be borne by all of us.

That's why Copenhagen matters to us all. The great and the good meeting over the next fortnight have the power to lead us into a clean, sustainable future or into ever-more catastrophic global warming. Big deal? You bet it is!

Martin Atkin is the director of media relations for World Wildlife Fund International.

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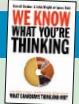
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# Business

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## WestJet expects new system to hurt fourth-quarter revenue

**REVENUE** WestJet Airlines Ltd. expects the ongoing transition to a new reservation system will have a negative impact on its fourth-quarter passenger revenue, which is expected to be at least 11 per cent below last year.

The Calgary-based airline made the statement Thursday morning while releasing November traffic results, which showed a load factor down slightly from record highs last year as growth in capacity outpaced growth in traffic.

The new reservation system, which WestJet launched in mid-October after several delays, had affected the airline's levels of service with implementation issues dragging on longer than expected.

"Currently, our revenue per available seat mile for the fourth quarter of 2009 is tracking to an anticipated year-over-year decline of 11

to 13 per cent," said Sean Durfy, WestJet's president and chief executive officer.

Available seat miles, or ASMs, are a measure of an airline's fleet capacity, while load factor refers to how much of the capacity is used for carrying passengers.

WestJet's November load factor of 75.9 per cent was down slightly from last year's 76.1 per cent.

Revenue passenger miles, a measure of passenger traffic, increased 3.1 per cent over November 2008 while capacity grew 3.4 per cent over the period.

November is traditionally a weak period for airlines, since it comes between the end of summer vacation travel and before end-of-year holidays.

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### New programs

- WestJet said it will be launching a new Frequent Guest and Credit Card program after the holiday travel season is over to boost its service levels back to its previous highs.

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## Housing sales to recover: Report

**REAL ESTATE** Residential real estate sales should recover in almost all major Canadian cities by the end of 2009, while average prices should post new records in an improved economic climate, according to a new housing report.

The Re/Max Housing Market Outlook survey for 2010 predicts the uptick in sales will be led by an anticipated 45 per cent increase in Greater Vancouver, while Ottawa and Quebec City are expected to hit historic highs in the number of homes sold.

The report also says average prices are expected to improve in 65 per cent of markets as economic performance picks up.

The report examined residential real estate trends in 23 markets.

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## Comcast to buy NBC

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though the deal could mean that movies could reach cable more quickly after showing in theatres, and that TV shows could appear faster on cellphones and other devices, it was already raising concerns that Comcast would wield too much power over entertainment.

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## Jazz Air reaches new tentative labour contract with union

**DEAL** Jazz Air LP said Thursday it has reached a new tentative labour contract with the union representing its customer service

and aircraft services employees, after two previous deals were voted down by union.

The revised agreement,

reached after talks with a federal conciliations officer, must be voted on by about 950 union members. In November, the employ-

ees voted 56 per cent to reject an agreement reached on Oct. 27. They had also rejected a settlement in August. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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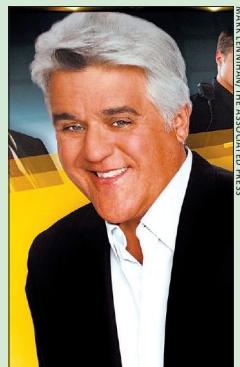
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Movies and TV shows, such as Jay Leno seen in this promotional NBC poster in New York, could come more quickly to cable.

Warner are undoing their ill-fated marriage Dec. 9.

Comcast pledged that NBC Universal shows that now cost money over its cable video-on-demand service would be free for three years. But consumer advocates worry about the deal, saying people could end up paying more for TV.

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## UN reviewing Chinese projects

**WIND** The UN body that oversees carbon credit trading said Thursday it was reviewing 10 Chinese wind power projects amid questions on how Beijing obtains money through the system. The board of the

Clean Development Mechanism is looking at how Chinese power prices affect the viability of the projects, which would influence whether they are eligible for CDM money, the board's chairman, Lex de Jonge, said in an emailed statement.

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Brendan Shanahan didn't stay retired for long. The three-time Stanley Cup champion was named the NHL's vice-president of hockey and business development Thursday, less than three weeks after ending his 22-year playing career. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Sports

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## Oilers clip Wings

NHL

Oilers 4 Red Wings 1



The Edmonton Oilers made the most of what the generous Detroit Red Wings gave them.

Patrick O'Sullivan scored twice in the second period and Jeff Deslauriers made 27 saves to lift Edmonton to a 4-1 win over Detroit on Thursday night.

Lubomir Visnovsky and Robert Nilsson also scored for the Oilers. Two of Edmonton's goals were accidentally directed into the net by Red Wings players.

"Lucky bounces for us," said Deslauriers, who was pulled in the Oilers' 7-3 loss to Vancouver on Saturday.

"We haven't had too many lucky bounces this year. We'll take it."

Dan Cleary scored for Detroit and Jimmy Howard stopped 32 shots.

"I didn't think we were any good," Red Wings coach Mike Babcock said. "I saw continuous turnovers, guys getting beat up the ice. We weren't good. They were better than us from start to finish."

O'Sullivan made it 3-1 at 8:50 of the second when Red Wings forward Pavel Datsyuk deflected O'Sullivan's attempted pass in the high slot. The puck then slid slowly into the net under Howard's pads.

O'Sullivan scored his sixth goal of the season 2:57 later when he moved from the slot into the left circle and scored into an empty net after taking a pass from

Sheldon Souray.

"The first one was a lucky bounce," O'Sullivan said. "The second one, it's not a lot at this level where you have that much time. Jimmy came out of the net real far and I was able to take advantage of it."

O'Sullivan has been struggling offensively this season.

"This, hopefully, will help him," Oilers coach Pat Quinn said. "He's fighting the confidence and has been a guesser when he has the puck. It's not good when you're a guesser out there."

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Edmonton Oiler Andrew Cogliano pushes toward the goal after getting past Detroit Red Wings Ville Leino, left, and Todd Bertuzzi in Detroit on Thursday. The Oilers won 4-1.

## Jets beat Bills in Toronto

NFL

Jets 19 Bills 13



Mark Sanchez threw a TD pass to Braylon Edwards before leaving in the third quarter with a knee injury as the New York Jets captured an entertaining 19-13 win over the Buffalo Bills on Thursday night.

The former USC star, New York's 2009 first-round draft pick, was 7-of-15 passing for 104 yards and the touchdown before having his right knee examined on the sidelines.

He then walked to the dressing room to give way to backup Kellen Clemens and didn't return.

## Olympic dreams require athletes first make team

Field of Play

**Scott Russell**

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With exactly 10 weeks to go until the home Olympics,

many of Canada's athletes haven't booked their tickets to Vancouver and Whistler.

To be considered medal contenders, they have to make the team.

All over the world, trials by fire are occurring with glory hanging in the balance. Past performance means little and there's always disaster lurking to derail any Olympic dream. Just ask John Kucera, the reigning world downhill ski champion, who broke his leg in a crash at Lake Louise and thus ended his hopes of a gold medal.

"It's what we sign up for," shrugged Francois Bourque, Kucera's teammate who had witnessed the fall. Bourque himself missed all of last season due to injury.

**"Past performance means little and there's always disaster lurking to derail any Olympic dream."**

In 2006 at the Torino Games he finished a narrow fourth in the giant slalom. This time he's guaranteed nothing.

"It's part of the game. It's what we live with," Bourque reckoned.

In curling the finest teams in the land are assembling in Edmonton to conduct a super tournament from which only two will emerge. The fact that Kevin Martin and Jennifer Jones have dominated the sport for the last four years is irrelevant.

So is the Olympic silver medal Martin won in 2002. Becoming the Canadian representative in Vancouver will be the toughest task of all.

At the World Cup of speed skating in Calgary the powerhouse nations will dash in an Olympic preview. Canada has many stars in the mix. But in the men's 500M sprints the most successful racer of all-time, Jeremy Wotherspoon, hasn't qualified. He'll be

hard pressed to make amends for his stumble at the start line in Salt Lake City and it will have to be at another distance.

In Europe Canadian bobsleigh athletes like Heather Moyse of PEI still don't know if they've got a seat in the sled — this in spite of the fact that Moyse missed a podium spot in Turin by hundredths of a second.

Moyse told a community fundraiser in Charlottetown recently that as an aspiring team member she takes nothing for granted. "People call me an Olympian," she explained. "I say I'm just like everyone else. I'm just somebody's neighbour with a job to do."

Indeed, for Moyse and all the others the most difficult mission may be making the Olympic cut in the first place.

## Sports in brief

**CFL** The Edmonton Eskimos have locked up offensive lineman Patrick Kabongo to a long-term deal. The team announced Thursday that the six-foot-six, 315-pound right guard has signed through the 2013 season.

**WOODS** A lawyer for a New York woman who has denied having an affair with Tiger Woods cancelled a news conference that had been scheduled for Thursday in Los Angeles. Lawyer Gloria Allred's office said in a statement that the news conference was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

**NHL** Looking to the future, the surging Chicago Blackhawks signed three of their top players — Jonathan Toews, Patrick Kane and Duncan Keith — to lucrative contract extensions Thursday. Kane and Toews, both 21, signed five-year deals worth \$31.5 million US each. Keith, a defenceman, got a 13-year contract worth \$72 million.

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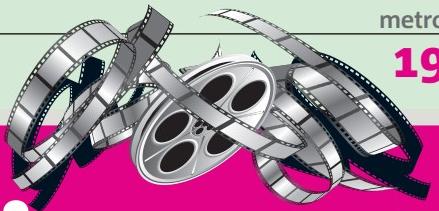
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# Movies & Entertainment

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## Movies

### Gimme a kiss!



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Disney's first-ever African American princess hit screens across the country this weekend with *The Princess and the Frog*.

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*Brothers* is quiet, earnest and never goes the easy route.

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# Fairy tale adds colour

## Anika Rose voices Disney's first African-American princess

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## Movie **feature**

hasn't been a black face in that lineup.

**Lending her voice to Disney's first African-American princess is pretty huge for an actress, and Anika Noni Rose is all too aware of it.**

"The first time I saw her in colour, I couldn't even breathe. I just started to cry," she says, hand instinctively going to her throat. "Even talking about now, I'm such a wuss."

To be fair, it really is a big deal. Tiana, the heroine at the center of *The Princess and the Frog*, joins a much-celebrated class of characters including Cinderella, Snow White and Belle from *Beauty and the Beast*. And while Disney has featured other races with Jasmine from *Aladdin* or Mulan — and even other another species in *The Little Mermaid* — until now there

hasn't been a black face in that lineup.

Disney films, Rose doesn't necessarily remember noticing the absence of lead characters of colour. "I didn't necessarily feel deprived. I was just watching the movies and loving them," she says. "I do remember wondering to myself,

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and The Frog  
hits theatres  
next week**

mother, it'll be something she's been waiting for — and her child, no less. For my grandmother, it will be something she never thought would've happened."

As for Rose herself, she says she's just thrilled to be involved in one of Disney's lavish animated musicals.

"This is something that I always dreamed of doing," she says. "I didn't dream of being a princess. I could've been a dandelion and I would've been really happy."

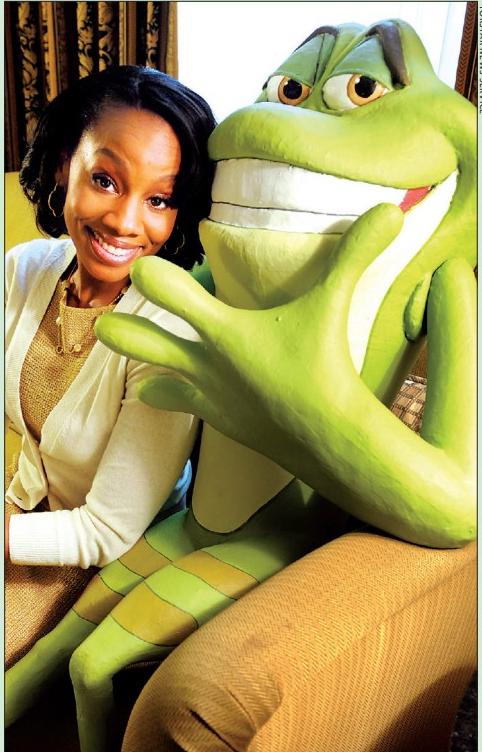
**week** An admitted "Disney geek," Rose was just as excited the film's return to traditional hand-drawn animation as she was about its cultural significance. "When you look at the bayou, you can see the humidity in the air," she

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says. "It is hazy and warm and moist and thick with it. And I that's something that CGI hasn't quite managed to capture."

And while the first African-American Disney princess is sure to be viewed as a role model of sorts, Rose is more than happy to dodge that label herself — one of the benefits of voicing an animated character. "If they want to see Tiana as a role model, I think that's brilliant because her story is finite," Rose explains. "She's not going to turn the corner and fall out and have 20 children. It's not going to be the type of situation."



Anika Noni Rose lends her voice to Disney's first ever African-American princess in *The Princess and The Frog*.

A movie poster for the film "Armored". The top half features a black and white photograph of seven men standing in front of a large armored truck. The men are dressed in dark uniforms, some with reflective stripes. The truck has "GUARD TRUCK" and "TIME" printed on its side. The title "ARMORED" is written in large, metallic letters across the bottom. Above the title, there is a quote: "★★★★★ A HARD-HITTING, ACTION-PACKED THRILLER!" attributed to Earl Dittman, WIRELESS MAGAZINES. The bottom half contains the names of the stars: MATT DILLON, JEROME FISHBURNE, LAURENCE NOLASCO, AMARU VENTIMIGLIA, and RAYMOND SHORT. It also includes production details: SCREEN GEMS PRESENTS, A STARS ROAD ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTION, EXECUTIVE PRODUCER DEBRA JAMES, PRODUCERS JAMES ROUSSELL HOLLANDER, WRITER JAMES V. SIMPSON, MUSIC BY JOHN MURPHY, and DIRECTOR DAN FARRAH. A V-14 rating is shown. The poster ends with the website ArmoredMovie.ca.

A movie poster for the film "2012". The top half features a monk with a shaved head, wearing a yellow shirt and red pants, standing on a dark rock formation. He is looking out over a massive, white-capped wave that is crashing against a large, snow-capped mountain peak. The sky is clear and blue. The bottom half of the poster has a black background with the year "2012" in large, metallic-looking digits. At the very bottom, there is additional text and logos for the movie's release.

## Movies



Matt Dillon gets to play both sides of the law in Armored.

## Dillon's new flick a dream come true

**STEVE GOW**  
For Metro Canada



**Matt Dillon has worked with an array of accomplished directors that includes everyone from Francis Ford Coppola to Gus Van Sant to Cameron Crowe. But there's one filmmaker that I bet you'd never have guessed might be on the actor's dream list: Nimród Antal.**

Nimród who?

"He's a force — that's the first thing that comes to mind," said Dillon recently of the Hungarian who helmed the 2003 subway-themed festival hit Kontroll. "I thought that Kontroll was just an unbelievable, exuberant film really. It's just inspired and so I was predisposed to work with him."

Now with Armored hitting theatres today, audiences will get to witness the collaboration between Dillon and the director he aspired to work with. While it's impossible to predict the partnership will pay off, the thriller does show promise as Dillon plays the chief of an armoured car crew that plans an elaborate caper to rob the very treasure he's supposed to be guarding.

Armored  
opens in  
theatres  
today

"It's funny because it seems like an amped up thing — these guys set out to pull off this \$42 million dollar heist and you might think, 'oh, that's a little far-fetched' but it's really not," insisted Dillon. "While we were in pre-production, the director came up to me and said, 'hey, check out this (newspaper) article' and it was an article in which there had just been an inside job armored car heist ... so there is a kind of basis in reality."

Once Dillon realized one of the criminals had even been named Dylan (close call!), the coincidence only assured the cast their film was on the right track.

Another indication they were in good territory — the casting of Dillon as a peace officer.

After all, although the 45-year-old actor is often typecast in that role, it certainly paid off with an Oscar nomination in Paul Haggis' 2004 drama Crash. "I'm either playing a cop or I'm on the other side of the law," laughed Dillon, suggesting that he at least gets to play both in Armored. "I think that's the way it goes with action movies — you've always got to raise the stakes a little bit and that's what's going on here."

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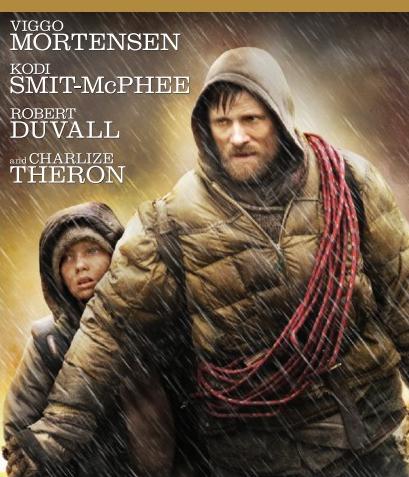
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# For Efron, life's a stage

Teen fave tries meatier role in *Me and Orson Welles*

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## Movie feature

**Zac Efron can't seem to shake his High School Musical pedigree — but he's trying.**

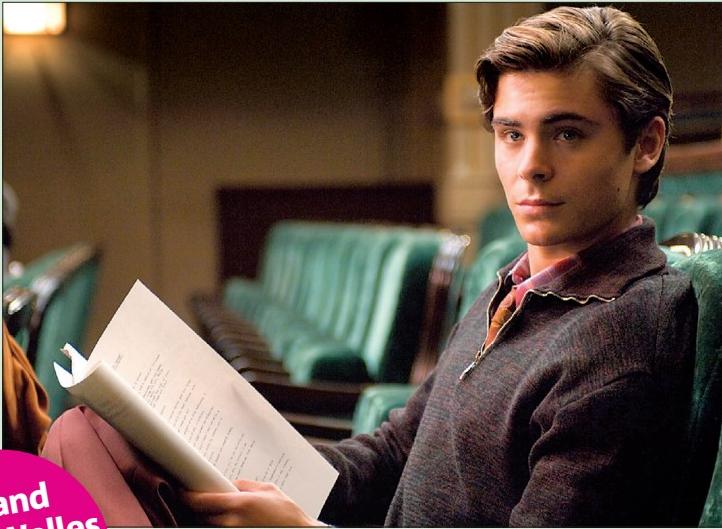
His first feature outside the franchise, last spring's delightful 17 Again, opened with the young star on the basketball court, brow furrowed just like his Disney trilogy counterpart. And in his latest, Me and Orson Welles, Efron — still paying a high schooler — wheedles his way into Orson Welles' 1937 production of Julius Caesar by showing off his singing chops.

Luckily, that's about

where the similarities end. Efron's character in his new film is set for a much more mature coming-of-age experience, thrusting him into a love triangle with Welles (Christian McKay) and a comely older woman (Claire Danes). But it was the intense backstage world of theater that attracted Efron.

"Essentially what my character does in the movie is everything I did in five years, only he did it in

**Me and Orson Welles opens next Friday**



Hearthrob Zac Efron shows off his acting chops in *Me and Orson Welles*.

one week and was much cooler," Efron explains. "When you're doing a play, in my experience, there's so much going on and there's so much pressure and such teamwork and such camaraderie, you almost gain

this whole other family," he says.

"You can become very wrapped up in your emotions in that. I think I fell in love during every play I did from 12 to 17."

Linklater, who had only seen Efron in Hairspray, admits that he didn't initially think the young actor

would work for the part.

"Frankly, my first impression was that he's almost too good looking," Linklater says. "But in my experience, you can't judge the full range of an actor based on what you've seen them in, so we set up a meeting. A minute or two into the conversation,

**"Frankly, my first impression was that he's almost too good looking. But in my experience, you can't judge the full range of an actor based on what you've seen them in."**

Richard Linklater

I knew he would be perfect."

The show-within-a-show aspect of *Me and Orson Welles* offered Efron the opportunity to expand his experience with Shakespeare, something he didn't necessarily think he needed to do going into it, he admits.

"I found out I didn't know the first thing about Shakespeare," he says.

"I thought I was coming to the table with a decent amount of knowledge — perhaps someone would even ask me a question or two. But I quickly found out that was not the case and I had a lot to learn."

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# Brother vs. brother

## InFocus

**Richard Crouse**

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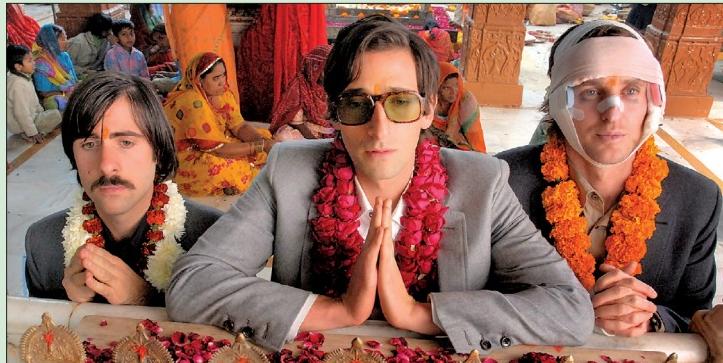
In the movies often the only thing brothers have in common is a last name. Creating conflict between siblings makes good dramatic sense and it's a practice that harkens back to the very first set of brothers. Would the story of Cain and Abel have as much biblical oomph if the boys got along? I don't think so.

So it is with Tommy and Sam Cahill, played by Jake Gyllenhaal and Tobey Maguire, in this weekend's Brothers.

In the great tradition of movie siblings they're polar opposites: Tommy is an ex-con, Sam is a Marine Captain and former football star. You get the idea. But will Tommy go all Cain on Sam?

You'll have to buy a ticket to find out, but in the meantime here are some other movie brothers who turned out differently than mom and dad may have hoped.

Ricky & Doughboy Baker (Morris Chestnut and Ice Cube) from Boyz N the Hood are opposites, but



In *The Darjeeling Limited*, Jason Schwartzman, from left, Adrien Brody and Owen Wilson play brothers with completely different personalities out on a trip across India.

when Doughboy takes revenge on the people who killed his brother it proves that blood, and bloodshed, is thicker than water.

In *The Darjeeling Limited* Jack (Jason Schwartzman) asks his brothers Francis (Owen Wilson) and Peter (Adrien Brody). "I wonder if the three of us would've been friends in real life? Not as brothers, but as people."

Good question. You couldn't find a more diverse trio: Francis is a compulsive sad sack, Peter a bundle of manic energy and Jack a collection of jangled nerves. They may never be friends, but by the end of a road trip in In-

dia

they can at least tolerate one another.

"When brothers agree," the old saying goes, "no fortress is so strong as their common life." But when they disagree, look out.

Just ask Fredo Corleone. The Corleone boys each brought something different to the Godfather trilogy, but it is the "kiss of death" scene in part two between the kindhearted Fredo (John Cazale) and the ruthless Michael (Al Pacino) that gives new meaning to the term sibling rivalry.

"I know it was you Fredo," Michael says. "You broke my heart."

Siblings may not get along but it takes a real grim brother to order a hit on his younger brother.

In *Go West Chico Marx* summed up the relationship most of these on-screen brothers share.

"You love your brother don't you?" he's asked.

"No, but I'm used to him," he replies.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; [mrchaos33@hotmail.com](mailto:mrchaos33@hotmail.com).

## Macca lends song, and he feels Fine

There are only so many songwriting suggestions an outsider is allowed to offer Paul McCartney. Kirk Jones, director of the new Robert DeNiro movie, *Everybody's Fine*, found the limit.

McCartney, who has written only a handful of songs specifically for films, decided to contribute the emotional ballad (*I Want to Come Home*) for the story about a widower learning about his grown children after the former Beatle saw an advance screening of the movie.

When Jones had some editing suggestions, McCart-

ney listened. He added an instrumental intro to the song and switched the first and third

verses, things he'd actually been considering anyway. Then Jones suggested a change in the lyrics.

Gulp.

This was one of popular music's most storied songwriters, after all.

"I remember going over in the cab (to meet McCartney) and saying the only way I could do justice to him and the film was to be honest," Jones said.

"I don't want to be above the process," McCartney said. "I don't want to be one of those people who says, 'How dare you play with my music! My music is sacred!' I

"I might as well hear what the director has to say. But when he did go a comment too far, I did shut the door."

Paul McCartney

wrote for a movie. I might as well hear what the director has to say. But when he did go a comment too far, I did shut the door."

Jones had almost lost McCartney earlier. As McCartney sat in the screening room and the movie reached the emotional climax where he knew what any song he wrote would appear, he heard the placeholder that Jones had also considered: Aretha Franklin singing McCartney's Beatles classic *Let It Be*.

No pressure there.

"I go, 'I can't do this!'" McCartney said. "Are you kidding me? I can't do that.' My immediate reaction was, 'No way, dude.'"

But after seeing the movie, an idea came to him the next night.

"I thought, 'I like the film so much I'll see if it works,'" he recalled. "Gradually, from there, I tried to use (*Let It Be*) as an inspiration for a new, different kind of song, but hopefully in the same emotional ballpark."

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Robert DeNiro and Drew Barrymore play father and daughter in Everybody's Fine.

**DeNiro in Fine form****Everybody's Fine**

**Director:** Kirk Jones  
**Stars:** Robert DeNiro, Drew Barrymore  
**Classification:** PG  
**Rating:** ★★★

STEVE GOW  
for Metro Canada

ing message on his antiquated answering machine is still his late wife's voice.

When his children (played by Drew Barrymore, Sam Rockwell and Kate Beckinsale) all skip out on a family get-together, Frank decides to travel cross-country to surprise them each in their respective cities.

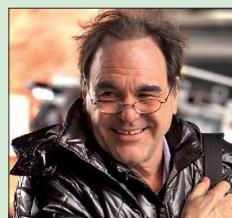
What we get is a sexagenarian road trip of discovery, or lack thereof, since Frank finds his kids each hiding secrets — especially the worrying absence of their sibling, David.

From that description, Everybody's Fine (which is a remake of a 1990 Italian hit) may sound a bit mysterious — and perhaps Jones intended it to be. However, by the time David's reveal occurs, anticipation has

dwindled and the plot-point seems extraneous.

Besides, the film's true intent is already established. By playing down blatant sentimentality and casting DeNiro (who's simply arresting steeped in his own misconceptions about his grown children and his relationship to them), the movie satisfactorily explores the regret and secrets that exist in every family.

Mainly though, this film will be remembered for the restrained performance of DeNiro who, after last year's bust Righteous Kill, looks like he's dramatically returned to form. That measure notwithstanding, the low-key dramedy of Everybody's Fine will be nothing more than just fine to most.

**Stone targeting greed again**

Hollywood filmmaker Oliver Stone is again taking on the financial world in a sequel to 1987's successful Wall Street, but this time he said greed is not only good — it's legal.

Stone just finished filming Wall Street 2 and dropped a few hints while talking to a class at American University this week that focuses on his work.

The movie again stars Michael Douglas as corporate raider Gordon Gekko, a character who preached "greed is good" and earned Douglas an Academy Award in 1988. But this time Gekko takes a back seat to what Stone said are today's financial power players.

"The individual Gekko would no longer exist in this new Wall Street," Stone told The Associated Press, referring to the boom before the recent financial meltdown. "The big players

now are major banks and hedge funds ... the money's too big."

In the new film, he said, "greed is now legal."

The Federal Reserve Bank has a role, and Donald Trump has a cameo appearance. The film also touches on current politics, Stone said.

The movie, due out next year, is a complicated but familiar story with greed and envy as central themes, Stone told about 75 stu-

dents in the Oliver Stone's America course, which also focuses on how popular historical consciousness is shaped.

"Wall Street can be the engine of capitalism" and create opportunity, Stone said to one student. "But they increasingly have not done that because there's more money in speculation."

Stone, 63, said he made the first Wall Street for his father, who was a stock broker, and as a symbol of an era of excess that only grew after the 1980s. Millionaires became billionaires in the decades that followed and the U.S. government provided a staggering bailout this year after everything crashed, Stone said.

"I don't think it's healthy," he said, "and I don't think I'm the only one."

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**Diesel fuels Riddick speculation**

Vin Diesel, gravelly-voiced cheerleader for multiple ailing movie franchises, has announced on his Facebook page that at least some sort of pre-production is underway on a third Chronicle of Riddick. [EMPIREONLINE.COM](http://EMPIREONLINE.COM)

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# Brothers measured drama

**Brothers**

**Director:** Jim Sheridan  
**Stars:** Tobey Maguire, Jake Gyllenhaal, Natalie Portman  
**Classification:** 14A  
**Rating:** ●●●

**PHIL BROWN**  
for Metro Canada

**Brothers** should be an overly sentimental drama that gratingly begs for Oscar recognition. After all, it is a story of forbidden love and post-traumatic stress disorder, populated by a cast of young Hollywood stars. The film should have a "movie of the week" quality with glossy production values.

But surprisingly *Brothers* is a very quiet and earnest little film that never goes the easy route emotionally. It might not be a masterpiece, but director Jim Sheridan has turned in a better movie than *Brothers* had any right to be.

The film stars Tobey Maguire and Jake Gyllenhaal as (you guessed it!) two very different brothers. Maguire appears as an honoured army captain and Gyllenhaal plays his fresh out of prison ne'er do well brother.

When Maguire is captured in Afghanistan, his family is told he's dead and Gyllenhaal steps in to take care of his shattered family, befriending his daughters and possibly getting a little too close to his wife (Natalie



Natalie Portman and Tobey Maguire star in *Brothers*.

Portman).

Maguire eventually returns a changed man after his horrific experience and his family can hardly recognize him. This path has been tread before, but Jim Sheridan makes it work by perfectly casting his actors against type to defy expectations, while also keeping the family drama slow and simmering.

There are few Oscar-clip ready emotional outbursts, but when they do appear the scenes at least feel organic to the piece.

*Brothers* is a remake of the Danish drama *Brødre* and Sheridan manages to Americanize the story with minimal Hollywood gloss.

Maguire is shockingly good as a shell shocked POW and Gyllenhaal is surprisingly believable as a damaged ex-con.

Sheridan is clearly playing with their movie star

images here and the experiment works quite well.

The final scenes might veer too far into sentimentality, but overall this is an awards season drama that manages to delicately explore touchy subject matter and tug on the heartstrings without falling into the trappings of overblown melodrama.

# Search for lama chronicled in doc

**IAN GORMELY**  
for Metro Canada

"(The film) was a long process.

**Twenty-thirty hour bus trips, five times. They examined my patience."**

Unmistaken Child director Nati Baratz

"Twenty-thirty hour bus trips, five times. They examined my patience."

He wasn't even allowed to show his raw footage until the Dalai Lama had approved the reincarnation.

Baratz doesn't believe in reincarnation. Rather, it was his belief in Tenzin's dedication to his master that helped him work through all the hurdles thrown down by the monks.

Tenzin said, "but what if we never find the reincarnation? What if it takes 20 years?" He was very much worried about me making this commitment." After all, scouring the Nepalese country for a one-year-old reincarnated lama is like digging out a needle from a haystack.

"I told him that I am ready to take on the responsibility on the condition that he would be with me the whole way."



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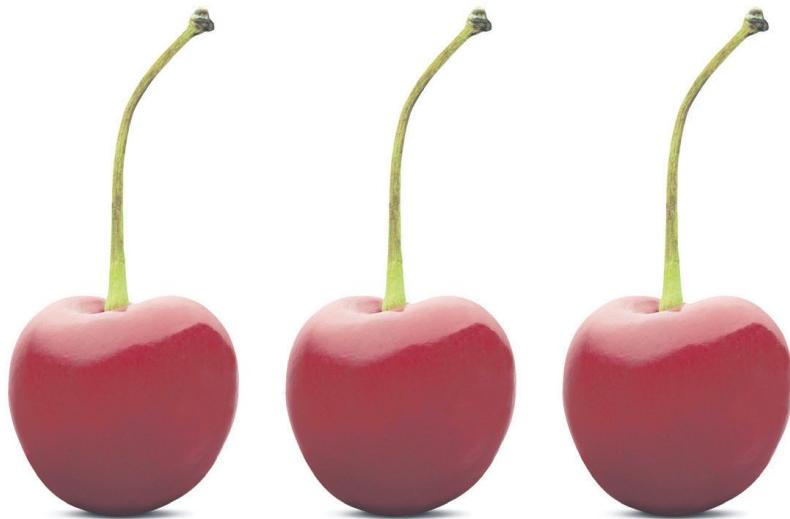


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### Television

# A vampire living in La-La Land

True Blood actor Alexander Skarsgård sets up shop in Hollywood

KATRINA MATSSON  
Metro World News

**Alexander Skarsgård has a tan. That's what happens when you're living in Los Angeles, he explains. He is still looking for an apartment in Venice Beach, where friends from True Blood Stephen Moyer and Anna Paquin, already live.**

"It is one of the few areas in Los Angeles where you can actually walk around. I'm used to my friends living only a few blocks away and meeting in local bars and I miss that," says the True Blood star.

After having played "the tall blond hunk" in enough movies in Sweden, Skarsgård moved to Hollywood where he landed roles in HBO war drama Generation Kill and vampire-based hit series True Blood.

Since the move, he has gone from unemployed to celebrity.

**"There's not a single young girl that I know in Hollywood that I have not been paired with ... if I get into a taxi with a girl, suddenly we're married."**

Alexander Skarsgård

And the attention is intense across in California, he said.

"You drive everywhere in L.A., so you sit protected in your little bubble of steel."

"But after season two of True Blood I noticed quite a big difference. Of course I see that stuff is written about me, but I never read fan sites and blogs. I don't think it's good for me," he said.

"If it is negative, I know that it will weigh on me or else you only read the

positive stuff and your ego sort of swells up and explodes."

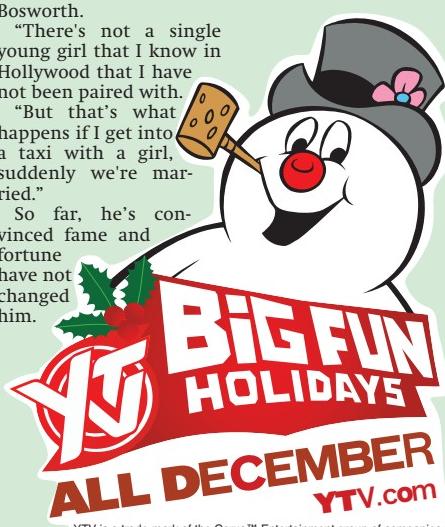
The rumours about Alexander's love life are rampant, and he's been linked to co-stars Evan Rachel Wood and Kate Bosworth.

"There's not a single young girl that I know in Hollywood that I have not been paired with.

"But that's what happens if I get into a taxi with a girl, suddenly we're married."

So far, he's convinced fame and fortune have not changed him.

"Nothing would hurt me more than if someone told me that I'd changed. But I do not think so. I was still over 30 when things started to happen for me in the U.S."



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Alexander Skarsgård, originally from Stockholm, Sweden, plays vampire Eric Northman in the popular HBO series True Blood.

### Alexander Skarsgård on ...

- Kate Bosworth, co-star in Straw Dogs: "She is incredibly strong in this film. She really threw herself out there and took a risk. I have lot respect for her, not that many beautiful Hollywood babes would dare to. She is a super smart, cool girl!"
- Evan Rachel Wood, co-star on True Blood: "She is really one of her generation's best actresses, terribly clever. I think she'll become one of the greatest of her generation."



Heather Locklear returns to Melrose Place, bringing a familiar face to a new cast.

## TV networks try out different formulas to gain viewers

MONICA WEYOUTH  
Metro World News

**Some shows have it easy — one look at Joan Holloway wiggling across the office, and you're tuning into Mad Men for the rest of the season. But what if you're one of the many spin-offs, supernatural dramas, or crime shows that debuted this fall? How do you wiggle and hook an audience? Some clever strategies are behind the frontrunners — and lacking in the others.**

**BE SMART WHEN SPINNING**

**OFF** When NCIS opened a Los Angeles office, the drama had an audience waiting. Not only did it follow the original on Tuesday nights, but a second show was believable.

"Clearly, there's an appetite for CSIs and Law and Orders and NCIS. These things feel organic," says Dan Manu, site director of TelevisionWithoutPity.com. "It's conceivable that there are more police stations, more cases."

As for the new Melrose Place, audiences had to make a leap with new stars and producers 17 years after the original. "They're

going with the Hail Mary pass in bringing in Heather Locklear," says Manu. "But with the younger audience they're going for, how many people even know who Heather Locklear is?"

#### TIMING CAN MAKE OR BREAK

We might have fallen for the Glee kids without slick marketing moves, but airing the pilot after American Idol didn't hurt. "Fox did something really smart," says Mickey O'Connor, senior editor of TVGuide.com. "That audience really gets into the music."

As for ABC's The Middle, O'Connor predicts it might go down with the less successful Hank, which the half-hour comedy shares an hour timeslot with.

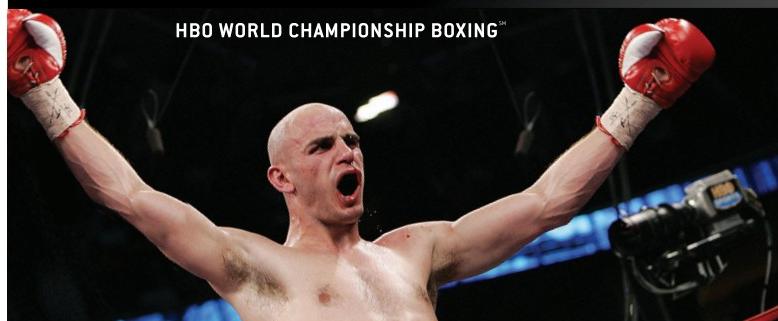
**STICK TO THE RECIPE** If you want to stand out among the hordes of supernatural shows, you better do it right. Vampire Diaries took a tried and very true path: bloodsuckers, an established book series, high school drama.

"It had a built in audience," says O'Connor. "The same thing happened with True Blood — the readers tuned in."

### The long view

Just because a show makes all the right moves in Season 1 doesn't necessarily mean it will live past its infancy. Tasha Oren, Associate Professor of English and Media Studies at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee cites Web streaming as cutting into profits, and also points out that trend-driven, teen-centric shows such as Glee and Vampire Diaries aren't even designed to stick around.

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**Lambert let go from show lineups**

Adam Lambert's scandalous American Music Awards performance is still wreaking havoc on his schedule, as the ex-American Idol star says he's been canned from two future ABC performances, including one on New Year's Eve. [PEOPLE.COM](#)

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# Alice packs a punch in Wonderland

**IAN JOHNSTON**  
for Metro Canada



**The new Alice In Wonderland isn't some blond girl getting bounced from adventure to adventure. She's a horse-riding, judo-trained twentysomething brunette who doesn't take bull from no Queen or Cheshire Cat.**

"Oh god. There was a lot of running, and flying, and fighting and falling into lakes," says Caterina Scorsone, who stars in this adult reworking of the Lewis Carroll classic.

"It's probably day-for-day, the most physical thing I've been involved with."

The Toronto-born Scorsone — whose credits include TV series like Power Play, Crash, and the up-

coming Mel Gibson film Edge of Darkness — isn't sure how she beat out 500 actresses for the coveted role of Alice. Truth is, she didn't even meet director Nick Willing (Tin Man) till the project was close to filming.

"I guess Nick had been turning over every rock looking for an Alice. I put something to tape and sent it to their offices. He

saw it and I was flown in to meet him. Four days later I got the part. It was great that it was so quick. I didn't have time to be intimidated."

Now based out of Los Angeles, the 28-year-old Scorsone frequently makes it back to Canada, where she first got her start as a kid actor on — get this — Mr. Dressup.

"That was a healthy way

to start out an acting career. I'd just show up and sing and dress-up. It wasn't some dark, brooding drama," she laughs.

"Sometimes it feels like I work more in Canada than the U.S. Which is fine. Toronto is one of my favourite cities in the world."

• The two part Alice airs Sunday and Monday nights on Showcase.



Toronto-born Caterina Scorsone to play the lead in the upcoming miniseries.

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**FRIDAY**

ED	C	B	S	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
12/4/09	2	CFRN	239	318	etalk	Access H.	The Beatles on Record	Ghost Whisperer (N)	Medium (HDTV) (N)	News		
	3	KHO	-	370	News (N)	Millionaire	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune	Dateline NBC (N)	Jay Leno Show		
	4	CBXT	-	307	NHL Hockey: Bruins at Canadiens			CBC News	CBC News: The National	The Hour		
	6	KREM	-	372	News	Access H.	The Doctors (N)	Ghost Whisperer (N)	Medium (HDTV) (N)	NUMB3RS		
	7	CKEN	241	347	Law & Order: SVU		The Jay Leno Show (N)	Supernanny	Medium (HDTV) (N)	Ugly Betty (HDTV) (N)	Your City	
	8	CITV	240	339	ET Canada	Entertainment	NUMB3RS "Old Soldiers"	Dollhouse "The Public Eye: The Left Hand" (HDTV) (N)	News Hour			
	13	KXLY	-	371	4 News at 6	4 News at 6:30	Entertainment	The Insider (N)	Celebration of Disney	Ugly Betty (HDTV) (N)	20/20 (N)	
	16	KAYU	-	373	The Office	Raymond	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Dollhouse "The Public Eye: The Left Hand" (HDTV) (N)	News		
	22	KSPS	-	374	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Wash. Week	McLaughlin	Bill Moyers Journal (N)	Great Performances (HDTV)			
	15	CBCN	502	-	CBC News: The National		Secret World of Shopping	CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National	Secret-Shoplift		
	54	CTV	501	391	CTV News Tonight							
	20	TSN	400	400	Basketball	SportsCentre	That's Hockey!	SportsCentre	Off the Record	Boxing (HDTV)		
	23	net	408	418	Skiing (Live)		Best Damn Sports Show	Hockey Central	Flames Week	Sportsnet Connected	Ultimate Fight	
	47	SPEED	417	406	NASCAR Awards Ceremony	(HDTV) (Live)						NASCAR
	94	SCORE	410	403	(6) WWE SmackDown!		MMA Fight Night			WWE SmackDown!		
	14	YTV	552	543	(Carly)	To Be Indie	Merry Christmas, Drake & Josh (2008, Comedy)			Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	That's-Weird
	17	TREEF	553	546	A Fairy Tale Christmas	Babar	Big & Small	Max & Ruby	Dragon (DVS)	Backyardigans	[Ni Hao, Kai-lan]	Go, Diego, Go!
	45	FAM	557	541	Zeke & Luther	Jonas	Sonny Chance	Nancy Drew ** (2002, Mystery)	Snow Dogs ** (2002, Comedy), Sisqó			
	25	A&E	615	520	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	(10:01) Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds		
	29	FOOD	603	561	Bobby Flay	Chef Abroad	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay		
	32	DISC	520	505	Man vs. Wild "Belize"		Biblical Mysteries Explained	Daytona	Man vs. Wild "Belize"	Worst Driver		
	38	SPIKE	628	584	UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed			The Ultimate Fighter (HDTV)		
	39	AMC	-	-	National Lamp. Christmas	(8:15) National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation ** (1989, Comedy)						
	43	SPACE	627	528	Sanctuary (N) (DVS)	Stargate Universe (DVS)	InnerSpace (N)	Carrie *** (1976, Horror)	Sissy Spacek, Piper Laurie			
	44	STAR	621	556	The View (HDTV) (N)	The Dr. Oz Show (N)	Wal-Mart	etalk	Access H.	Extra	Dr. Oz Show	
	161	SUPER	-	-	Watching the Detectives ** (2007)		(8:45) The Treatment ** (2006, Romance-Comedy)			Juno *** (2007)		

**SATURDAY**

ED	C	B	S	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
12/5/09	2	CFRN	239	318	Shrek the Halls	Corner Gas	Anne of Green Gables: A New Beginning (2008, Drama)	Shirley MacLaine. (DVS)				
	3	KHO	-	370	News (N)	Judge Judy	CSI: NY "Oedipus Hex"	Parks & Recreat.	The Incredibles *** (2004, Adventure)	HNIC: After Hours		
	4	CBXT	-	307	NHL Hockey		NHL Hockey Calgary Flames at San Jose Sharks. (HDTV) (Live)					
	6	KREN	-	372	News	Scrubs	Grey's Anatomy	Medium (HDTV)	CSI: NY "Help" (HDTV)	48 Hours Myst.		
	7	CKEN	241	347	MY RONA Home (DVS)	Glenn Martin	Out There	Thralls (2005, Horror)	Siri Baru, Leah Cairns. (DVS)	The City Show		
	8	CITV	240	339	renegadepress	Jane Show	Project Runway Canada	Mistaken (2008, Suspense)	Lana Parrilla, James Thomas.	News Final (N)		
	13	KXLY	-	371	(6) College Football Big 12 Championship – Nebraska vs. Texas.				The Insider (N)	Entertainment Tonight	ReGenesis	
	16	KAYU	-	373	House	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted	News	
	22	KSPS	-	374	Happy Holidays: Andy Williams	Pledge				Pledge		
	15	CBCN	502	-	National Mansbridge	Wal-Mart Nation	National	News: At Issue	National Mansbridge	Wal-Mart Natn		
	54	CTV	501	391	CTV News Weekend		News	CTV News	News	CTV News	News	
	20	TSN	400	400	NBA Basketball: Raptors at Bulls		SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)			Boxing Mikkel Kessler vs. Andre Ward. (HDTV)		
	23	net	408	418	Premier League Soccer		The Ultimate Fighter				Sportsnet Con.	
	47	SPEED	417	406	Ultimate Factories "BMW"	Ultimate Factories "Harley"	Ultimate Factories Corvette.	Ultimate Factories "Pebble"				
	49	SCORE	410	403	(6) College Football ACC Championship: Clemson vs. Georgia Tech.					Hockey Saturday	Score Now	
	14	YTV	552	543	Blizzard ** (2003, Fantasy)	Brenda Blethyn.	Funniest Home Videos			That's-Weird	Sorry-No Head	Survive This
	17	TREEF	553	546	Bucket-Dinos	Toopy & Binoo	Caillou	Little Bear	Dragon (DVS)	Backyardigans	[Ni Hao, Kai-lan]	Go, Diego, Go!
	25	A&E	615	541	7:01) Jonas	Oversold!	Suite Life	Zoey 101	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	A Dog of Flanders ** (1999, Drama)	
	29	FOOD	603	561	Chopped		Top Chef All Stars Dinner	The F Word		Dear Food Network	Chopped	
	32	DISC	520	505	Canada's Worst Driver		Time Warp	Deadly snakes.	Criss Angel Mindfreak (N)	Canada's Worst Driver	Destroyed	
	38	SPIKE	628	584	The Ultimate Fighter (HDTV) (Live)					MANAnswers (N)	Ways to Die	Ult. Fighter
	39	AMC	-	-	White Christmas *** (1954)		(8:45) White Christmas *** (1954, Musical Comedy)	Bing Crosby.				
	43	SPACE	627	528	1408 *** (2007, Horror)	John Cusack, Samuel L. Jackson. Premiere.			(9:25) The Number 23 *** (2007, Mystery)	Jim Carrey.		
	50	STAR	621	556	Next Top Model	Britain's Next Top Model	Staying Young in Hollywood					Drop Dead
	161	SUPER	-	-	The Top (2009, Crime Drama), Radha Mitchell		(8:45) The Contract (2006, Suspense), John Cusack					Feast of Love *** (2007)

**SUNDAY**

ED	C	B	S	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
12/6/09	2	CFRN	239	318	Flashpoint	Cold Case "Forensics"	The Amazing Race 15			Desperate Housewives		
	3	KHO	-	370	(6:15) NFL Football Minnesota Vikings at Arizona Cardinals.					Mark Few		
	4	CBXT	-	307	Heartland (N) (DVS)	(Happy Feet *** (2006, Adventure), Brittany Murphy				CBC News: The National		
	6	KREN	-	372	KREM 2 News at 6 (N)	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)	The Amazing Race 15			Cold Case "Forensics"	NCIS: LA	
	7	CKEN	241	347	Survivorman (DVS)	My RONA Home (DVS)	Extreme Makeover: Home			Conviction Kitchen	Most Amazing	
	8	CITV	240	339	16-3 Picture	Prod. Parker	Brothers & Sisters (N)	The Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy	American Dad	News Final (N)
	13	KXLY	-	371	News	Storm Stories	Funnest Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives	Brothers	
	16	KAYU	-	373	House	Brothers	Til Death	Cleveland	The Simpsons	Family Guy	American Dad	News
	21	KSPS	-	374	(6) Great Performances		Uncharted Territory David Thompson-			Andre Rieu Live in Dresden: Wedding		
	15	CBCN	502	-	CBC News: The National		An Inconvenient Truth			CBC News: The National	Inconvenient	
	54	CTV	501	391	CTV News Weekend		News	CTV News	News	CTV News	News	News
	20	TSN	400	400	(6:15) NFL Football Minnesota Vikings at Arizona Cardinals.							
	23	net	408	418	(6) NHL Hockey Vancouver Giants at Chilliwack Bruins.		Skiing					
	24	DISC	520	505	Supre Bikes! Super Bikes! Super Bikes!		Super Bikes!	Super Bikes!	Super Bikes!	Super Bikes!	Super Bikes!	Super Bikes!
	47	SPEED	417	406	Supre Bikes! Super Bikes! Super Bikes!		Pokerstars Caribbean Adv.	FullTiltPoker.net Million		Score Now	Score Now	
	94	SCORE	410	403	(6) MMA Fight Night		SpongeBob Family Biz (N)	Smallville "Bulletproof"				
	14	YTV	552	543	The Dog Who Saved Christmas (2009, Comedy)							Survive This
	17	TREEF	553	546	Friend Rabbit Miss Spider	Pocoyo	Caillou	Waybuloo	Dragon (DVS)	Backyardigans	[Ni Hao, Kai-lan]	Go, Diego, Go!
	45	FAM	557	541	(7:01) Jonas	Oversold!	Suite Life	Zoey 101	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Ernest Saves Christmas ** (1988, Comedy)	
	25	A&E	615	520	Criminal Minds "Lucky"		Criminal Minds (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	(10:01) Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds		
	29	FOOD	603	561	Iron Chef America		Dinner: Impossible			Restaurant Makeover	Get on Plate	Food Detective
	32	DISC	520	505	(6) Touching the Void		MythBusters			Anthony Bourdain		Touching the Void
	38	SPIKE	628	584	Disorderly Conduct: Video		Disorderly Conduct: Video			Wild Wild	Kung Fu Hustle *** (2004, Action)	Stephen Chow.
	39	AMC	-	-	(4) The Green Mile		The Prisoner Schizoid, Checkmate" (HDTV)					



## Music

# Decade that changed music

iPod, YouTube among inventions that forever altered the industry

## SoundCheck



**Alan  
Cross**

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With just 28 days to go in the first decade of the 21st century, we still haven't figured out what to call the last ten years. The Zeros? The Noughts? I asked my grandfather for a little guidance on what they did 100 years ago, but he was born in 1910, so he apologizes for not being of much help.

Whatever the case, 'tis a time of reflection and wonder. On Dec. 4, 1999, there was no such thing as Red Bull, PVRs and the

Toyota Prius. We could still visit the observation deck at the World Trade Center and shop at Pets.com. Our airline tickets were still made of paper and we were scared our computers might not cope with the switch over to 2000 and launch some nukes by mistake.

The changes in music since then have been seismic.

**Napster (Introduced June 1, 1999):** Offered to 30 acquaintances by 19-year-old Shawn Fanning, it gave free file-sharing to people who wanted more music than they could afford to buy. Despite their aggressive litigiousness, the recording industry has been irrevocably changed.

**iTunes (January 9, 2001):** While the record labels were arguing over what to do about digital downloads, Steve Jobs stepped

in with an elegant a la carte 99-cent-per-track solution. iTunes is now the biggest single retailer of music in the world.

**Wikipedia**

(January 15, 2001): Once upon a time we had to rely on quickly outdated magazines and books for information on our favourite music.

Then Geocities-hosted fan sites became repositories

of valuable information. Allmusic.com is still excellent, but it can't beat Wikipedia for speed when it comes to updates.

**The iPod (October 23, 2001):** Unveiled in the post 9/11 fog, the original Mac-only iPod was exponentially better than any of the MP3 players that had come before it. And because they had already accepted iTunes, the record labels didn't go to war with Ap-

"The changes in music (in the last decade) have been seismic."

ple over it.

**YouTube (February 2005):** MuchMusic and MTV used to be the primary sources for music videos. Today, they barely bother. Meanwhile, search for just about any song or any video on YouTube and you'll almost certainly find it instantly. Google, YouTube's parent (they bought it for \$1.65 billion in November 2006) boasts they get a billion views a day.

My, how much can change in just a couple of years.

The Ongoing History Of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read more at [ongoinghistory.com](http://ongoinghistory.com) and [explorermusic.com](http://explorermusic.com).



## Furtado, k-os, pay tribute to Neale

**PEOPLE** Victoria songstress Nelly Furtado and Toronto hip-hop artist k-os are among a star-studded group who have been announced as performers at a celebration of late Jack-soul singer Haydaine Neale.

Keshia Chante, Divine Brown, Luke McMaster and Justin Nozuka are also scheduled to perform at the concert, which will be held Monday at Toronto's Phoenix Concert Theatre.

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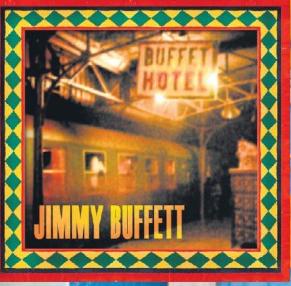
1. Tik Tok - Ke\$ha
2. So Hard - Rihanna
3. Replay - Iggy Azalea
4. Watcha Say - Jason Derulo
5. Fireflies - Owl City
6. Party In The USA - Miley Cyrus
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Pantanal is the largest wetland in the world. Locals credit tourism for the growing understanding of their environment.

## Tourism helping environment

LOTTA IMBERG  
Metro World News



**Feeling guilty about vacationing abroad? No more. As an eco-tourist you can actually make a difference for the environment.**

"Eco-tourism can save threatened areas," says zoologist Lars-åke Janzon

In Pantanal, Brazil, the world's largest wetland, tourism has contributed to more sustainable living conditions for its birds and

**"Thanks to tourism people in this area understand the value in preserving the unique environment."** André von Thuryoni

animals.

"Thanks to tourism people in this area understand the value in preserving the unique environment," says André von Thuryoni.

He runs Araras Ecolodge in



northern Pantanal where he has been guiding tourists for more than 30 years. He says people's attitudes have changed during the years.

"Before, the farmers shot

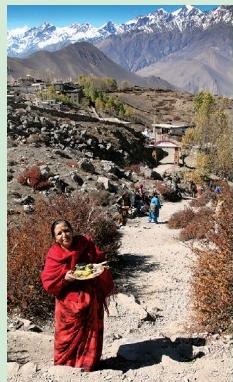
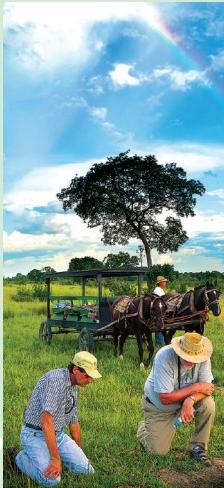
jaguars and pumas to protect their livestock. Parrots that ate fruit in gardens were captured and sold, caymans were made into shoes and bags. Tourism has made a difference," he said.

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**The many faces of eggnog.**

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**10** 10 of the largest rivers in Asia get their water from the more than 15,000 glaciers in Himalaya, which are now melting at an unprecedented rate. 1.3 billion people are dependent on them.

METRO WORLD NEWS

## Committing herself to a green life

**CHANGES** Switching off her fridge, Vanessa Farquharson, a Canadian journalist, committed herself to 366 green changes for one year.

"I came up with the idea to overhaul my life in the most extreme green way possible and document what was and wasn't possible for other readers," said the author of *Sleeping Naked is Green*.

**Can you explain the book title?**

The idea is that if you aren't using pyjamas, you're creating less laundry and therefore require less detergent and water. **You did things like sell your car and gave up tampons. Are you still doing**



Vanessa Farquharson, a Canadian journalist, committed to living green for one year.

example, and blow my nose in disposable kleenex. **Where did you get the inspiration?** Looked around the room.

METRO WORLD NEWS

## Climate adviser preparing to make Nepal's case at COP 15

**COP15** In the office of Care in Nepal, climate advisor Maksha Ram Maharjan is preparing himself to go the COP 15.

He will be there to stress the problems of Nepal and the whole Himalaya Region, explaining how the receding glaciers threaten a large amount of the population in Asia.

He looks out of the window and points to the peaks that can be seen in the distance:

"As a child I used to sit with my mother and look at the white mountains, and we would imagine they looked like animals or other things, just like people try to see different shapes in clouds. So we would find a white sheep



or a heron ... now the peaks are black."

METRO WORLD NEWS



## Climate challenge – the safety's off

The world is getting warmer, and it's very likely that this is the product of human emissions of greenhouse gases. That is the conclusion of the UN's climate panel. But when does man's impact on the climate become dangerous? Is the UN track the right one? Is carbon capture and storage a solution or just a smokescreen? Is the threat to the climate an opportunity for companies? **How do different scientists view the matter? Read this book to find out!**

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According to the UN the Sahel Belt South of Sahara is one of the areas where large amount of the population could end up being climate refugees. People live on the edge of existence, so even small changes could have a dramatic impact. METRO WORLD NEWS

Climate refugees coming

## Go Green



SUSANNE SAYERS  
Metro World News

**El Hadj Ali Mago has his own definition of happiness: To see his family, his tribe and his cattle thrive and not having to move from place-to-place find enough grassland for the cattle.**

This year his chances of happiness are slim. Here, at the edge of the Sahara desert in Niger, the rainy season stopped some weeks ago. There should be new, tall and green grass, the cattle — the foundation of both wealth and health here — should be in peak condition.

But the grass is almost non-existent, only little patches of short, yellow straws are scattered in the sand. And the ribs on the cattle are seen clearly.



El Hadj Ali Mago is a wealthy man by local standards — owning over 100 cows.

"We may have to move, at least some of us. And I will have to sell some of the cattle, so we have chance of buying millet for people and food for the re-

maining cows," Ali Mago explains.

Large parts of the Sahel Region, the semi-dry area just below Sahara, are threatened this year, ac-

**50** 50 million will be the total of climate refugees in just a couple of years, according to some reports.

cording to FAO, the UN food and agricultural organization. Drought and famine are familiar crisis to Ali Mago and the other inhabitants of Niger. But in last few years it has changed.

"We would have a serious drought in this region every five or ten years. Now, the frequency is increasing, and there are only three years between the droughts in some areas. It doesn't give the population time to recover, to adapt," explains climate consultant Awaiss Yahaya.

But everywhere in the region empty remains of windblown villages speak of people who didn't come back.

Sadly, the last adaption to climate change is flight.

## Mix of Six

### 2009 Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings

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### Poster Boys

When: Until Dec. 13  
Where: Roxy Theatre  
Vancouver playwright Michele Rimal combines a mix of contemporary social issues and humour to provide a curious, quirky look at the world around here.

### Welcome Yule

When: Sunday 2:30 p.m.  
Where: Winspear Centre  
Get in the winter spirit with an afternoon of music at the Winspear Centre. The event features Cantilou Choirs, Jeremy Spurgeon, organ, and the Strathcona String Quartet.

### Luck Be A Lady

When: Sunday 5 p.m.  
Where: Jubilations Dinner Theatre  
Travel back in time to the 1960's; enjoy the timeless ballads of Frank and Dean in the fun filled tribute to the rat pack movies.

### Edmonton Symphony Orchestra: Handel's Messiah

When: Friday and Saturday  
Where: Winspear Centre  
Jean-Marie Zeitouni returns to conduct the annual Christmas tradition.

### Jingle On Santa Claus Parade

When: Sunday  
Where: Downtown  
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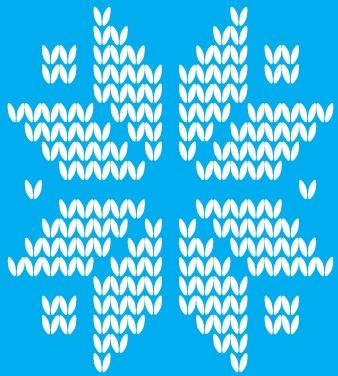
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Three weeks after her split with country singer Chuck Wicks, Julianne Hough was spotted with Kings of Leon's Jared Followill at a Nashville bar. The pair cuddled at the Lipstick Lounge Tuesday night, people.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Celebrity Buzz

## Celebrity tweets

Today everyone has a different reaction to the Tiger Woods scandal: **Reggie Bush** goes after the other woman, **Jeremy Piven** doesn't want to talk about it, and **Jim Carrey** tries some new material. **@reggie\_bush**

This TRICK trying 2 get famous off Tiger but funny thing is in a few weeks nobody will know her name! Then it's back 2 reality sweetly! Lol! **@jeremypiven**

Just move on, let Tiger out of the woods. **@JimCarrey**

type quickly...must be 1st to say it! "Tiger... next time use a driver!" if u didn't love that joke someone has stolen my phone.

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## Portman admits to trying pot

**TOKIN' ACTRESS** Natalie Portman has confessed to smoking cannabis. The actress tried the drug in her 20s because she missed out on the usual experimental teenage experiences because she was making movies from the age of 11.

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## Ronnie Wood arrested for assault

**OUT OF CONTROL?** Ronnie Wood of the Rolling Stones was released on bail yesterday after being arrested for possible assault in southern England, police and his spokesman said.

Police in Surrey said a 62-year-old man from the town of Esher was arrested Wednesday night on suspicion of assault in connection with a domestic incident on Claygate High Street, south of London.

Police said he was bailed out on yesterday

and he will face further inquiries in January.

They did not release any details about the incident.

"I can confirm that there was an incident last night and that Ronnie Wood was arrested," said David Rigg, Wood's spokesman. "He has since been released on police bail."

Wood's private life has been in turmoil for more than a year since he started a relationship with Russian Ekaterina Ivanova. That led to his divorce last

month by Jo Wood, his wife of 24 years, on the grounds of adultery. He and Wood have two children together.

His romantic troubles have provided ample fodder for Britain's tabloids, who frequently print photographs of the craggy,

aging rocker carousing with his young Russian girlfriend.

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## Did Orlando Bloom strip down in a Vegas restaurant?

**SHOWOFFS** Orlando Bloom must have been inspired by his Las Vegas surroundings because he put on a little show himself while dining with girlfriend Miranda Kerr at Palazzo's restaurant, baring a bit of flesh after an unfortunate encounter with a fellow diner's cocktail.

"A drink was accidentally spilled on Bloom's

shirt," a source tells Page Six. "Within 30 minutes, someone arrived with three brand-new shirts." Instead of slipping off to the restroom, Bloom made his choice at the table. "He took his stained shirt off and let everyone catch a glimpse of his body before putting on a white shirt.

METRO WORLD NEWS



## Farrah's son cleaning up his act

## HE'S GOT A GUARDIAN ANGEL

Farrah Fawcett's son is said to be making good progress in his treatment for drug addiction, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Redmond O'Neal — son of the late actress and her long-term partner Ryan O'Neal — was praised by judge Michael Tynan on Wednesday for his efforts to get clean.

The judge told

O'Neal: "I told you to turn it around, and it looks like you did."

The 24-year-old actor replied: "I have been doing

treatment for a while your honour. I want to do something different. I want to stay clean."

O'Neal

— who has a history of drug problems — was arrested in September 2008 along with his father after authorities found methamphetamine at the actor's Malibu home.

The aspiring actor was then arrested in April this year for taking drugs into jail.

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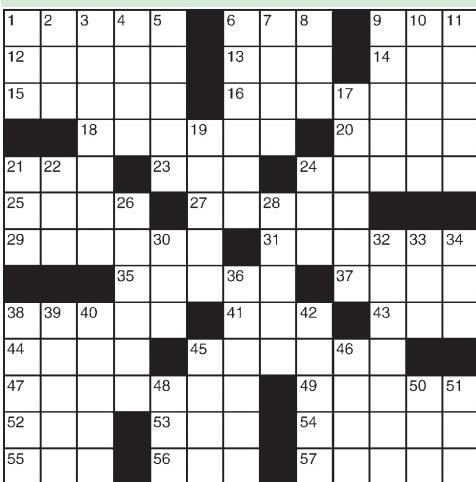
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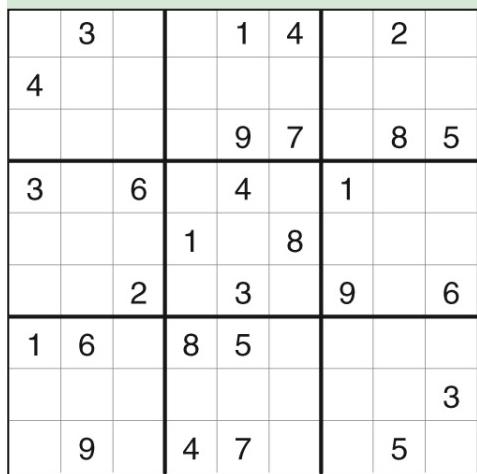
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**ARIES**

MARCH 21-APRIL 20



The best time to resolve any differences you may have with partners and colleagues is now, while Venus, planet of harmony, aspects Saturn.

**TAURUS**

APRIL 21-MAY 21



Work and money matters will go well today — you won't believe how easy it is to win others round to your way of thinking.

**SCORPIO**

OCT 24-NOV 22



You have allowed yourself to be taken in by fears and doubts that have no basis in reality. Why that should be so is anyone's guess.

**GEMINI**

MAY 22-JUNE 21



A more relaxed attitude to life in general and to relationships in particular is a must today. A positive Venus-Saturn aspect indicates that everything will work out.

**SAGITTARIUS**

NOV 23-DEC 21



A relationship problem is not as serious as you imagine, so stop worrying about it and focus instead on the good things you have in common.

**CANCER**

JUNE 22-JULY 22



Do not allow others to take advantage of your generous nature. Believe it or not there are people out there who would rip you off.

**CAPRICORN**

DEC 22-JAN 20



With values planet Venus aspects your ruler Saturn today it is essential that you get the balance of your life right.

**LEO**

JULY 23-AUG 23



Make the most of your social opportunities today because when Mercury changes signs you will find that your responsibilities eat into your time.

**AQUARIUS**

JAN 21-FEB 18



Cosmic activity in your chart urges you to forget the things that have gone wrong and focus on the things that are still going right.

**VIRGO**

AUG 24-SEPT 22



Today's Venus-Saturn link will make it easy for you to impress important people. You don't have to try too hard and you don't have to be too aggressive.

**PISCES**

FEB 19-MARCH 20



If you have fallen out with someone, either at home or at work, now is the perfect time to say "sorry."

**This day in history**

1918: U.S. President Woodrow Wilson sails for the World War I peace talks in Versailles, becoming the first US president to travel to Europe while in office.

1921: The Virginia Rappe manslaughter trial against Roscoe Fatty Arbuckle ends in a hung jury.

1980: English rock group Led Zeppelin officially disbands, following the death of drummer John Bonham on September 25th.

2006: An adult giant squid is caught on video by Kubodera near the Ogasawara Islands, 1,000 km (620 miles) south of Tokyo.

2008: The Governor General of Canada prorogues parliament as a result of a parliamentary dispute.

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**movies&entertainment 35****Take Five****Metro Recipe of the Day****Italian Cheese Polenta with Quick Ratatouille****INGREDIENTS:**

- 2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil
- 1 red onion, thin wedges
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 red pepper, sliced
- 1 zucchini, small chunks
- 1 eggplant, small chunks
- 1 chili pepper, seeded and sliced
- 4 cups (1 l) boiling water
- 7 oz (200 g) polenta
- 5 oz (150 g) dolcelatte cheese, cubed
- 14 oz (398 ml) can chopped tomatoes with basil
- 1/2 oz (15 g) fresh basil, torn

SERVES 4

**METHOD:**

- Heat oil in large pot over medium heat and add onion, garlic, pepper, zucchini, eggplant and chili pepper. Cover; cook, stirring occasionally, until vegetables begin to soften. Add salt and ground black pepper.

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